

Editor's Note

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THE success of a journal relies heavily on the quality of submissions and of their reviews. The latter is primarily the work and efforts of the associate editors and the anonymous reviewers. The dedication of associate editors and of external reviewers is essential to the continuing growth of the journal. To continue recognizing these “unsung heroes” who drive the scientific peer review process for *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics* (TVCG), it is my pleasure to announce the 2012 Best Associate Editor Award and the 2012 Best Reviewer Award.

Three Associate Editors (AEs) are recognized for their dedication and hard work in 2012: *Maneesh Agrawala*, *George Drettakis*, and *Dieter Schmalstieg*. They handled a large number of submissions efficiently with the quickest turnaround (averaging less than 50 days) and provided consistently high-quality, thoughtful AE summaries to the authors. In recognizing their distinguished service to TVCG, the **2012 TVCG Best Associate Editor Award** goes to *Maneesh Agrawala*, *George Drettakis*, and *Dieter Schmalstieg*.

After some very difficult deliberation, TVCG presents the **2012 TVCG Best Reviewer Award** to *Niklas Elmqvist*, *Julien Pettr  *, and *Matt Ward*. Several other external reviewers also deserve special mentions of their excellent contribution in supporting the TVCG review process: *Ulf Assarsson*, *Christopher Batty*, *Adrien Bousseau*, *Hamish Carr*, *Remco Chang*, *Guoning Chen*, *Carlos Correa*, *Pierre Draqicevic*, *Tim Dwyer*, *Danyel Fisher*, *Diego Gutierrez*, *Tao Ju*, *Martin Kraus*, *Robert Laram  e*, *Stephen North*, *Ronald Peiker*, *Scott Schaefer*, *Aidan Slingsby*, *Gary K.L. Tam*, *Charlie C.L. Wang*, and *Jarke van Wijk*. They all have reviewed a large number of submissions, among nearly 3,000 reviewers (<http://origin-www.computer.org/csdl/trans/tg/2013/01/ttg2013010173.pdf>) for TVCG and its conference special issues in 2012, within the shortest review time while offering detailed, constructive comments that significantly improved the final published manuscripts.

There are many more associate editors (including those retired) and reviewers whose work and commitment to the scientific peer review process is commendable and not mentioned here. TVCG will continue to recognize them in future years. At this time, I would like to express my personal gratitude to all the members of the TVCG Editorial Board and the anonymous reviewers of the visualization and computer graphics community for your support and commitment to the peer review process. Effective, fair, and timely review of scientific work is absolutely critical for a vibrant and healthy technical forum to publish important and ground-breaking innovation.

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